



National Park Service  
Department of the Interior

## **Junior Ranger Booklet**

### **Morristown National Historical Park**



This booklet belongs to:

## **Welcome To Morristown National Historical Park!**

*Those who have only been in Valley Forge  
and Middlebrook during the last two  
winters, but have not tasted the cruelties  
of this one, know not what it is to suffer.*

Maj. Gen. John Kalb

Morristown, February 12, 1780

*M*orristown in 1779 to 1780 is the story of an army struggling to survive. But, it was not the first time General George Washington and his army had visited Morristown. The Continental Army also had encamped there three years earlier.

In 1777, the army wintered in the Morristown area after its triumphs at Trenton and Princeton. The men were quartered in civilian homes, spread out so that the British would think the army was bigger than it really was. The local citizens complained to General Washington that the soldiers stole, gambled and used bad language. They also brought diseases that killed many of the civilians of Morristown. Washington and his troops were not remembered on good terms.

The winter weather of 1779 to 1780 was the worst of the 18<sup>th</sup> century. The army came with 13,000 soldiers and chopped down over 600 acres of forest to build log huts in nearby Jockey Hollow. General Washington's army struggled through hunger, sickness, and desertion.

Washington's leadership was never more obvious than when he held together his ragged, hungry army through that second Morristown encampment. It was the army that represented the colonies' main hope for independence, and it survived the winter to win the war.

## **Requirements To Become A Junior Ranger**

**All Junior Rangers:** must complete the Park Stewardship activity on this page and the Park Preservation activity on the last page.

**If you are 6 to 9 years old:** please complete any 3 activities.

**If you are age 10 and up:** Please complete the Washington's Headquarters pages if you visit Washington's Headquarters, the Jockey Hollow page if you visit Jockey Hollow, plus two other activities.

When you are finished, please bring the booklet to the information desk to be checked and to receive your badge.

If you have questions, feel free to ask someone for assistance.

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### **Park Stewardship**

A **steward** is a person who takes personal responsibility for the care of our parks and their visitors. As a Junior Ranger, you must be willing to be a steward to Morristown National Historical Park and any other parks you visit.

Introduce yourself to the ranger or volunteer leading the tour of the Ford Mansion or in the Wick House at Jockey Hollow.

Ask the ranger or volunteer if there is any way you can assist at the park.

Write down how you helped:

Write the ranger or volunteer's name here:

### Put The Revolution In Order

Working as a ranger in an historical park, you will need to know some history to help visitors understand the park. Place a “1” by the event that happened first, then “2” for the next event that occurred, and so on.

After you have put the events in order, circle the Morristown events.

**September 3, 1783:** Treaty of Paris signed;  
peace treaty officially ends war

**July 4, 1776:** Declaration of Independence  
adopted by the Second Continental Congress

**September 5, 1774:** First Continental Congress  
meets in Philadelphia

**December 1, 1779:** Second Morristown winter  
encampment begins

**June 17, 1775:** Battle of Bunker (Breeds) Hill  
in Boston, MA

**December 16, 1773:** Boston Tea Party

**October 19, 1781:** General Cornwallis  
surrenders at Yorktown, VA

**April 19, 1775:** First shot is fired in  
Lexington, MA

**January 6 to May 28, 1777:** First Morristown  
encampment

**December 17, 1777:** France plans to recognize  
American independence

## 18<sup>th</sup>-Century Scavenger Hunt

The items pictured below are examples of things used by people during the 18<sup>th</sup> century. All of them can be found somewhere in the park.

When you see an item, circle it and then label where you found it. (**WH** for Wick House, **M** for Museum, **FM** for Ford Mansion, **VC** for Jockey Hollow Visitor Center). Some items can be found in more than one place.



Ice Creepers



Powder Horn



Niddy Noddy



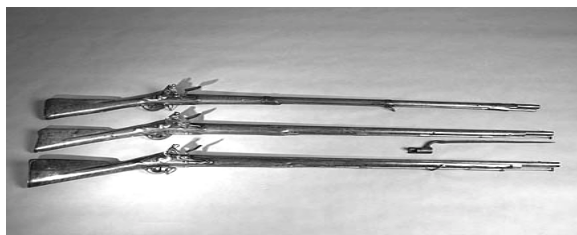
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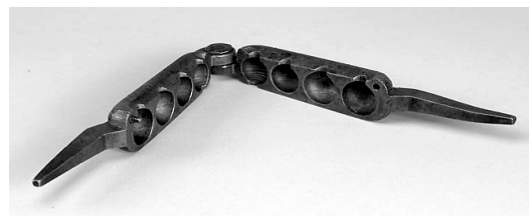
Oven Warmer



Iron Trivet



Muskets



Musket Ball Mold



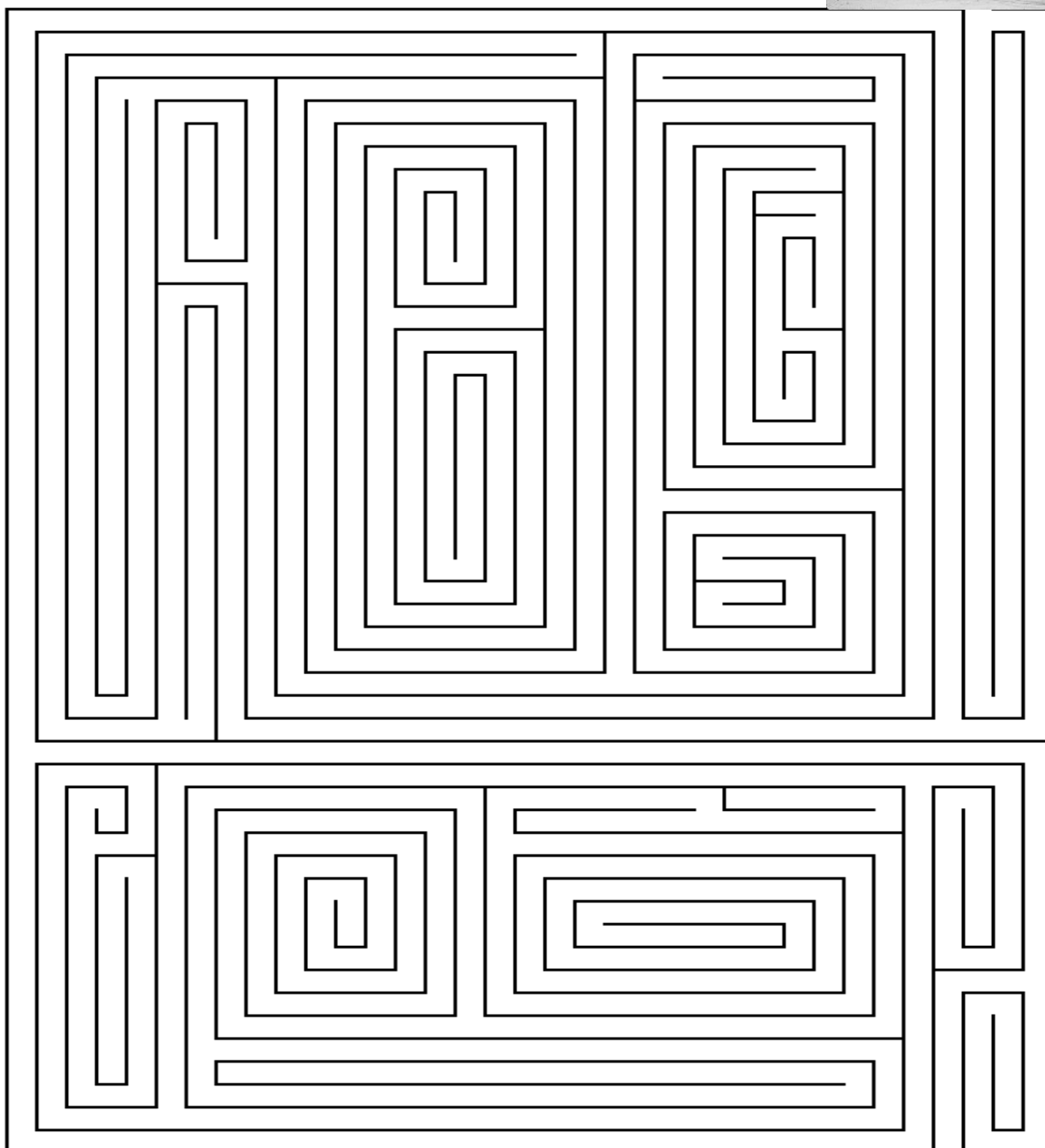
Cartridge Box



Wood Canteen

### **Messenger Needed**

General Washington at Headquarters must get a message to Major General Arthur St. Clair at the Wick house in Jockey Hollow. The only way to get the message to St. Clair is by horseback. Find the right path to the Wick house!



## **Jockey Hollow**

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How many soldiers encamped in Jockey Hollow from 1779 to 1780?

How many enlisted men slept in one hut?

From which states were the troops who participated in the second winter encampment?

### **The Wick House**

Was the Wick house considered a small home in 1780?

How many acres of land did the Wicks own during the 1779-80 winter encampment?

Who used the Wick house as his headquarters during the winter encampment? What state was he from?

How many members of the Wick family lived in the house during the encampment?

## **Washington's Headquarters Museum**

### **War Comes to Morristown Exhibit**

Name a person from Morristown who served in the Continental Army or militia.

Name another person who lived in Morristown in 1780. What did that person do? What did that person think of the war?

What was a New Jersey citizen called who wanted the British to win the war?

Who was court-martialed in Morristown during the 1779-80 encampment?

### **Weapons Room Exhibit**

Find the link from the West Point Chain. What was it used for? How much does the link weigh? Do you weigh more or less?

The British musket used in American Revolution was nicknamed a \_\_\_\_\_.

The basic ammunition for the musket consisted of round lead \_\_\_\_\_, and black \_\_\_\_\_.

Find the Ferguson rifle. This is not a musket. It is a \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ rifle of a new construction. The total number of enlisted rifles produced was \_\_\_\_\_. The rifle here is marked number \_\_\_\_\_.



## **Ford Mansion Tour and Movie**

### **Ford Mansion**

Approximately how many people came with General Washington and stayed with him in the Ford Mansion?

What are the names and ages of Mrs. Ford's children who lived in the mansion while Washington and his "family" was there?

How many rooms was the Ford family crowded into while Washington stayed in the house?

Do you see anything in the house that was used as a toilet? What is it called?

### **Movie (optional)**

What did the two gentlemen from Morristown want to talk to Washington and his staff about?

Why was Theodosia Ford's cook angry?

Where were the officers planning to attack?

## **Famous Americans In Your Wallet**

Of the seven people depicted on United States dollar bills, place an asterisk (\*) next to those involved in the American Revolution. Circle the ones who stayed in the Ford Mansion.



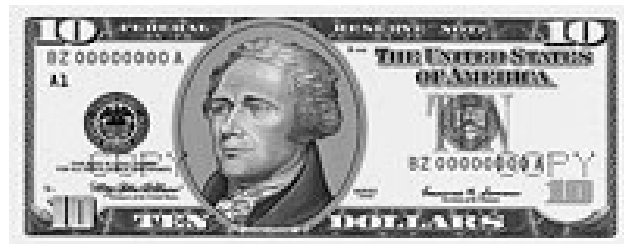
\$1 Washington



\$2 Jefferson



\$5 Lincoln



\$10 Hamilton



\$20 Jackson



\$ 50 Grant



\$100 Franklin

## **You're In The Army Now!**

Life in the Continental Army was hard. At the second Morristown encampment everyone, including the soldiers, camp followers (soldier's wives and children) and the generals, suffered through the hardships of war, harsh weather and lack of food.

Soldiers lived in wood huts in Jockey Hollow. Soldiers were issued uniforms and food. However, supply problems were frequent and soldiers sometimes went days without proper meals.

Generals were allowed to choose where they wanted to stay, but had to pay for their own rent. They also had to pay for equipment, weapons, uniforms, servants and extra food. In spite of advantages, some generals lost their farms and families – just like the soldiers.

List two reasons why you would join the army as a soldier or camp follower.

1.

2.

List two reasons why you would want to be a general.

1.

2.

List two reasons why you wouldn't want to join the army.

1.

2.

### **To Build A Log City**

On December 1, 1779 General Washington's army of 10,000 to 13,000 troops moved into Jockey Hollow. At first, they slept in tents, but the soldiers eventually constructed over 1,000 huts, housing 12 men each. The soldiers were not given the freedom to build any size hut. Washington ordered that all the huts had to be 14 feet X 16 feet and the walls had to be 6 ½ feet tall. To increase morale among the troops, Washington also ordered that enlisted men build and move into their huts before the officers.

Would you have been willing to stay in a log hut with eleven other people, during a severe winter, for the cause of independence from Great Britain?

**DRAW YOUR HUT BELOW:**

## **The Continental Soldier**

Label the different parts of the soldier's uniform.



**Musket**  
**Regimental Coat**  
**Cartridge Box**  
**Bayonet**  
**Cocked Hat**  
**Overalls**  
**Shoes**

## Word Search

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## **Colonial Brainteasers**

Colonial life for the farmer or soldier was not “all work and no play.” Often playtime had lessons hidden inside, just like these riddles. See if you can figure them out.

What has legs, but cannot walk?

Two brothers we are,  
Great burdens we bear,  
On which we are bitterly pressed;  
The truth is to say,  
We are full all day,  
And empty when we go to rest.

What is ten men’s length and ten men’s strength  
and yet ten men cannot make stand on its end?

I am called by the name of a man,  
yet am as little as a mouse,  
when winter come, I love to be,  
with my red chest near the house.

## **Park Preservation**

The NPS cares for special places saved by the American people so that all may experience our heritage. Because of its rich history, Congress created Morristown NHP as a part of the National Park Service on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1933.

What would you preserve in this park for future generations?

**Listed below are a few nearby National Park Service sites that you might like to visit. For more information, check out the NPS website at [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov).**

**Delaware Water Gap NRA – NJ & PA Border**  
**Edgar Allen Poe NHS – Philadelphia, PA**  
**Edison NHS – West Orange, NJ**  
**Fire Island NS – Patchogue, NY**  
**Gateway NRA – New York & New Jersey**  
**Independence NHP – Philadelphia, PA**  
**Manhattan Sites – New York, NY**  
**Sagamore Hill NHS – Oyster Bay, NY**  
**Saint Paul’s Church NHS – New Vernon, NY**  
**Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island NM – New York, NY & NJ**  
**Thaddeus Kosciuszko NMEM – Philadelphia, PA**  
**Valley Forge NHP – Valley Forge, PA**

## **Junior Ranger Pledge**

**I (state name) promise to learn about, help preserve, and protect the environment and history of our National Parks and my community. I will obey all the rules and the rangers and always act in a safe manner.**

**Date:**

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**Junior Ranger:**

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**Park Ranger:**

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